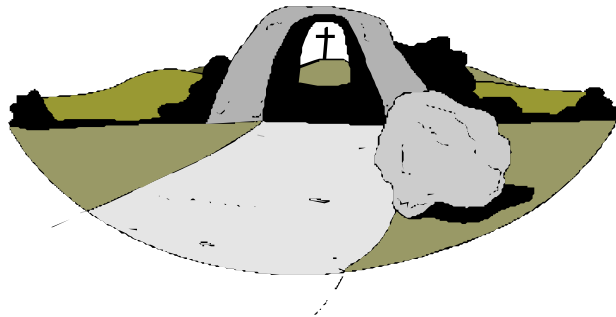


BLESSING:

Lord, who called your disciples to be your witnesses,
pour out your blessings upon us,
so that we may be able to take you to others
by the way we live and speak and act.
And the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you all this Eastertide and evermore. **Amen**

Minister: Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia
All: **Thanks be to God**
Alleluia. Alleluia.



Happy Easter!

EASTER DAY 2020

*Welcome to our
Easter All Age Communion Service*



“On the first day of the week, the disciples went to the tomb, and they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.” Alleluia!

Introit: Jesus is risen, alleluia! -Tanzanian melody arr. J. Bell

Minister: Alleluia. Christ is risen
All: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Minister: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
All: **He has given us new life and hope**
He has raised Jesus from the dead
Minister: Alleluia. Christ is risen
All: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Holding the Easter Garden we say together:

Almighty and everlasting God, we meet with joy to worship you this Easter Day and our joy is this: that He who was crucified, dead and buried, is now alive for evermore, our risen and reigning Lord. Bless this Garden that all who see it will experience the mystery of your redeeming love. As we celebrate His triumph we pray that His joy may be in our hearts and that our lives may show forth His praise. To Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen

Minister: Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the first and the last, says the Lord and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore (*Rev. 1.17,18*)

All : Alleluia

Welcome

Peruvian Gloria . Please stand to sing

Cantor: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father

To God be glory forever

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia amen, alleluia amen.

Glory to God, Glory to God Son of the Father

Repeat as verse 1

Glory to God , Glory to God glory to the spirit

Repeat as verse 1

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

READING: Acts 10: 34 –43

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL *Matthew 28: 1-10*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you , O Christ

Song: The Angel Rolled the stone away —Trad. arr Geoff Weaver

Sung by Clara Coslett Accompanied by Martin Coslett on Guitar

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours
For ever and ever. Amen**

Minister: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we
all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith, receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

PRAYER OF THANKS

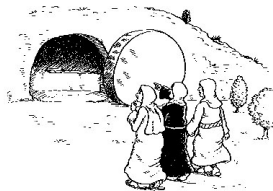
Post Communion prayer:

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
With the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

At the end of communion we sing:

Hymn Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to The Risen Lord



Minister: Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is His story.

All: **This is our song.
Hosanna in the highest**

Minister: The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is His story

All: **This is our song.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food, took bread, And gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, Gave it and said: This is my blood shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. This is His story

All: **This is our song.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which He died to set us free. Defying death He rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is His story

All: **This is our song
Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The Easter candle burns as a symbol of the Light of Christ, shining in a dark world and bringing new life to mankind. We in turn are called to shine as Christ's light in the world, trusting in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Let us, therefore declare and renew our faith in him.

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life ?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who took our human nature?

I believe and trust in him.

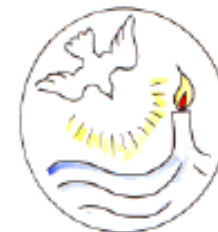
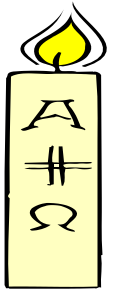
Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**



PRAYERS *(please kneel or sit)*

God of Resurrection:

All: Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father:

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son ,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen**

PEACE *(stand)*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then they were glad and when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

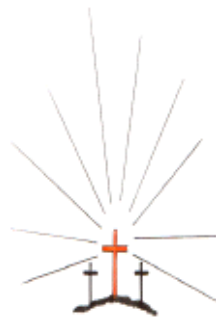
All: And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

OFFERTORY HYMN

Now the Green Blade Riseth



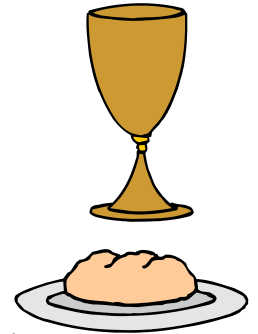
COMMUNION The Preparation of the Table

Minister: Jesus Christ welcomes to this celebration all the children of his kingdom on earth

With this bread that we bring
We shall remember Jesus

With this wine that we bring
We shall remember Jesus

Bread for his body
Wine for his blood
Gifts from God to his table we bring
We shall remember Jesus.



*The bread and the wine are placed on the holy table
Please remain standing throughout the Eucharistic Prayer*

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Minister: The Lord is here

All: His Spirit is with us

Minister: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards the world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your arms reach out to call us home, to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song.....

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**